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**GOV. EASLEY SIGNS 16 BILLS INTO LAW**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley Monday signed the following 16 bills into law:

**House Bill 1113**, “An act to limit the use of the public duty doctrine as an affirmative defense for claims under the state tort claims act in which the injuries of the claimant are the result of the alleged negligent failure of certain parties to protect claimants from the action of others.” The bill was sponsored by Reps. Rick Glazier (D-Cumberland) and Bill Faison (D-Orange). The law is effective Oct. 1, 2008.

**House Bill 1889**, “An act to provide property tax relief for qualifying wildlife conservation land, to clarify the present-use valuation of property subject to a conservation easement, and to provide a property tax exemption for leasehold interest in certain exempted property.” The bill was sponsored by Reps. Pricey Harrison (D-Guilford), Pryor Gibson (D-Anson), Dewey Hill (D-Columbus) and Harold Brubaker (R-Randolph). Portions of the law are effective July 1, 2008 and the tax year beginning July 1, 2010.

**House Bill 2105**, “An act to increase the compensation provided to persons erroneously convicted of felonies who have received pardons of innocence; to require the Industrial Commission to annually adjust the compensation to reflect increases in the consumer price index for all urban consumers; and to allow the industrial commission to award additional compensation of job skills training and expenses for tuition and fees at a North Carolina community college or constituent institution.” The bill was sponsored by Reps. Rick Glazier (D-Cumberland), Deborah Ross (D-Wake), Dan Blue (D-Wake) and Pricey Harrison (D-Guilford). The law is effective upon the governor’s signature.

**House Bill 2265**, “An act to exempt buses from safety inspections required under motor vehicle laws if they are titled to a local board of education and subject to school bus inspection requirements, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.” The bill was sponsored by Reps. Becky Carney (D-Mecklenburg), Nelson Cole (D-Rockingham), Lucy Allen (D-Franklin) and Doug Yongue (D-Scotland). The law becomes effective upon the governor’s signature.

**House Bill 2306**, “An act to require the State Board of Education and Department of Health and Human Services to determine responsibility for children with disabilities placed in private psychiatric residential treatment facilities by public agencies other than local educational agencies.” The bill was sponsored by Reps. Rick Glazier (D-Cumberland), Marvin Lucas (D-Cumberland) and Doug Yongue (D-Scotland). The law becomes effective upon the governor’s signature.